

## Thomas Cadwalader to Andrew Jackson, October 15, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### GENERAL THOMAS CADWALADER TO JACKSON.

Philadelphia, October 15, 1828.

*Dear General,* Our Election has closed most triumphantly—the *right* tickets have succeeded throughout—for Congress, Assembly, and City Councils. Sergeant is beaten by 557 votes—the City and County together give majorities of between five and six thousand. The vote for Electors on the 31st will be even more decisive, from the dispiriting effect of this overwhelming victory.

We have no accounts yet from Jersey, this being the 2d and last day of their election. That ground is *debateable*, and we can well spare its votes—if we get them, it will be, to me, an agreeable surprize. Having had a particular agency in selecting the first list of Directors of the Office of the B. U. S.<sup>1</sup> in your quarter, I feel very anxious to know how far public opinion approves of the Administration.

1 Bank of the United States.

Complaints have been made to me that “the men are unpopular”—that “the Prest.<sup>2</sup> is selfish, without the least influence, except that which his Official station gives him”—that “he has a numerous train of Relatives engaged in Commercial pursuits, and the Bank is made an instrument

2 The president of the Nashville branch, Josiah Nichol.

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for the promotion of their private interests, without regard to the effects upon the Community, or the Bank itself”—etc: and that, “with the exception of Geo. W. Campbell, there is not an individual in the Direction who has the least influence beyond his own shop upon the public square—they consist for the most part of men who would not dare to express an independant opinion, if they were capable of entertaining one”. “Our friend Major L. is removed, in order to make way for a man recently accused and convicted (in public opinion) of fraud for a series of years, by the use [of] false weights at his Cotton Gin”, etc: etc:—“this change however is made by the suggestion of the Prest: and Cashr. for the purpose of procuring *business men!* this excuse for getting rid of an independant man is too flimsy to gain credit any where but in Phila.”

Should you favor me with any communications on a subject in which I feel interested personally, as well as in my character of Director of the Parent Bank, I need hardly say that I should receive them as strictly confidential, and they would be considered as additional obligations to those under which your former kindnesses have laid me.

Mrs. Cadwalader unites in Compts. to Mrs. Jackson. I remain dear General with the most sincere respect and regard